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New Campus to Encourage Community's Development in Many Areas

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A $22 million college campus, with a yearly operating budget of $2 million, will soon be a reality in Gardner. The New Mount Wachusett Community College, currently under construction, is slated to open during the 1974-75 school year.

Economically, the college is already a boon to the area. Some of the workers engaged in the construction are local people. Some of the material needs are being filled by area firms. As the campus nears completion, more local area businesses and services will be utilized, according to Dr. Arthur F. Haley, president of the college.

Besides these immediate benefits, there is the projected annual $2 million operating budget. This will be an initial increase of one-half million over the current college budget, with more increases foreseen in the future.

What does the college mean for the area economy?

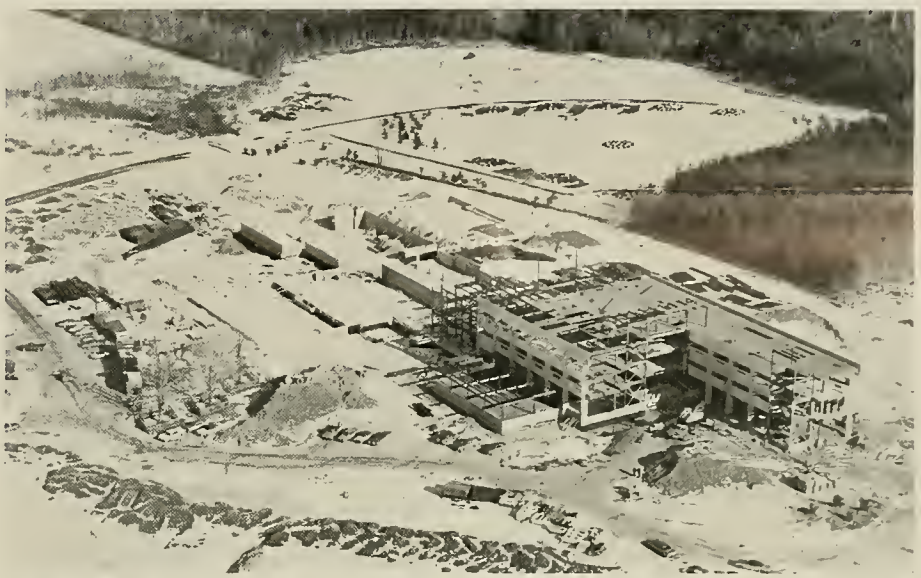
Of the $2 million, approximately 80 per cent will be earmarked for faculty, administrative and maintenance salaries.

These salaries represent a considerable cash flow for the Greater Gardner area. Almost 90 per cent of the faculty live within a 20-mile radius of Gardner. In addition, most of the other employees are area residents.

When the new campus is completed, Haley sees the possibility of up to 150 new families moving into the area, as the payroll at the college is expected to double.

All of this, Haley says, means more spending in this area for everything from houses to groceries. The needs of these people for goods and services will undoubtedly be filled in large part by local business.

The college itself will have need of a variety of goods and services, and Gardner appears the logical place to fill these needs.



Currently under construction, Mount Wachusett's $22 million campus is scheduled to open in 1974. According to President Haley, "MWCC's new campus will add greatly to the beauty of North Gardner, and benefit the people of the Greater Gardner area in a variety of important ways." (Photo courtesy of The Gardner News)

Aside from the employees of the college, there are the students. Many of them come from various parts of the state. Some will live and shop here. Others will commute, but all will be spending money in Gardner, Haley contends.

The college currently enrolls 1,100 day students, 1,700 evening students and 1,000 summer students, for a total of 3,800.

The projected enrollment when the new campus opens is 1,400 day students, 2,200 evening students and 1,200 summer students, for a total of 4,800. This number is expected to appreciably increase in future years.

According to a study of community college student spending, Haley said the average student spends about $2.20 per day. This includes such items as food, clothing, gas and entertainment. With the expanded enrollment, between one-half and one million dollars will be spent here by these students.

Besides the economic benefits of the new college, there will be a variety of other advantages for Gardner.

Educationally, Haley revealed that present programs will be expanded or improved, and a number of new programs will be offered.

The college's present offering of 15 separate curriculums will be increased to 20. This is expected to meet all the needs of the students in terms of interest, as well as the needs of North Worcester County industry for trained employees.

The college will seek the advice of local industry in preparing its areas of instruction. Haley says this is intended to help both industry and students to prepare for future employment needs.

The new college will incorporate a variety of laboratories for practical work, including a plastics technology lab. Plans also call for cooperation between the school and industry in obtaining practical experience for students in various fields.

The availability of cultural activities for the area population should be greatly enlarged with the new campus. (continued on pg. 2)

DR. HALEY NAMED TO TWO POSTS

College President Arthur F. Haley has recently been elected to a two-year term on the New England Junior College Council, and he was also chosen as secretary of the Massachusetts Advisory Council on Mental Health and Retardation.

As a director of the NEJCC, Dr. Haley will assist the association of over 60 junior and community colleges to promote quality education and to foster institutional research in the six state area.

Throughout the year the organization sponsors faculty and administrative workshops in an attempt to improve college service. In addition Dr. Haley will also serve on the NEJCC executive board which recommends policy to the membership.

The Massachusetts Advisory Council on Mental Health and Retardation meets monthly and advises the state's Department of Mental Health. The newly elected secretary stated that, "The Council is concerned with the reorganization of the Department of Human Services. We want to create channels so that citizen's groups can communicate to the department their aspirations for the emotionally disturbed and the mentally retarded."

Dr. Haley hopes that the Advisory Council will be able to encourage the state to emphasize community-based approaches to mental health such as the Gardner-Athol; Mental Health Association's Half-Way House in Athol. This concept the President said, will require the institutionalization of fewer patients and will lead to more outpatient care and better community reintegration.

New Campus

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The Distinguished Visitors Committee, which has already brought many prominent figures, ranging from Nobel prize winning economist Paul Samuelson to Senator Edward M. Kennedy to the community, will continue to bring world and national leaders to speak in Gardner.

The college will also continue to bring artists here to perform, as it did recently with the Newton Symphony Orchestra and Jose Greco.

The new campus will include a 550-seat theater for various productions. College officials pre presently in the process of joining the Massachusetts Opera Association. Ballet, as well as opera, is also expected to be brought to the theater, Haley indicated.

Touring road companies performing contemporary and classical drama are also expected to appear at the college.

A fine arts display area will be provided for exhibits of painting and sculpture from all over the world when the new fine arts center is completed.

College officials hope that some artists who come here to display their works and perform may be persuaded to teach at the college, at least on an interim basis.

Haley said these cultural offerings will be made to encourage the college students, as well as members of the community, to broaden their cultural awareness and experience.

Another aspect of the new college will be athletic in nature. Plans call for the construction of a field house containing three tennis courts, a track, swimming pool, and handball and squash courts.

Outside playing fields, all lighted to competition standards, will include two basketball courts, eight tennis courts, a football field, a soccer field, and baseball and softball diamonds. These facilities are scheduled for completion by 1977.

Although these athletic facilities are designed primarily for the students to fulfill physical conditioning ideals and engage in intramural sports, the public will be able to use the facilities, subject to availability.

To promote athletic awareness and participation by the student body, professional athletes will be brought to the school to stimulate interest, according to Haley. Coaches of national repute will also be sought to conduct clinics for local athletes of all ages.

Aesthetic enhancement of Gardner will also result from the new college.

Internationally-known architect Hugh Stubbins is the designer of the new campus. One million dollars will be spent on the development of the site, for everything from landscaping to utilities.

The campus is to be a modern one but one which will also reflect ties to the local area, in Haley's opinion.

The fieldstone walls which surround the old Heywood Farms property, where the college is located, are to be kept intact, and repaired where necessary.

The walls, along with a pine tree plantation which is also a part of the original farm, will reflect the ties to the history of the site. The pines are planted in straight rows in an area behind the campus structures and will add an attractive order to the grounds, according to Haley.

During January an exhibit of works from the first semester freshman design, drawing, and media classes was held at the MWCC Art Gallery. The display presented a wide-range of styles and works including marionettes and life-size figures. A special two-week exhibition of the college's permanent art collection is planned for March. Details will be announced at a later date.

Sabbatical Leaves Aid College Growth

A sabbatical leave frees an instructor from his teaching duties for a period of time in order to stimulate individual growth for the betterment of the college through study, research, or travel. A member of the college's professional staff may request such a leave after six years of service. MWCC has developed a system of priorities for granting such leaves within the limits of the college's budget and the needs of the college.

The first sabbatical leave was granted to Associate Professor Herman Gelbwasser to study at the University of Massachusetts during the Spring semester in 1972. "As a chemical engineer," Professor Gelbwasser states, "I have always had a great interest in mathematics but was unable to pursue my studies due to time limitation." In addition to broadening his knowledge, he admits that, "It was good to get away from teaching for a while and to get back to learning. From watching others teach I gained new perspectives on the art of teaching and being a student made me more aware and empathetic with the problems of learning."

In September of 1972 Associate Professor Kenneth Marriseau granted a leave to further his studies of Spanish and Spanish culture in Puerto Rico.

"Through my involvement in community organizations," Professor Marriseau states, "I became aware of the problems of a large minority of Spanish speaking immigrants in the Leominster-Fitchburg area. The Montachusett Opportunity Council Board has been aiding these people by the establishment and staffing of a Spanish Cultural center. What is most needed at the center is an opportunity for learning English speech and writing."

Professor Marriseau feels that the knowledge of Spanish and Spanish civilization gained during his year of study and through the experience of living with Puerto Ricans who migrate to the U.S. mainland, will enable him to understand their value system, goals and motivation, and will assist him in setting up propgrams to help this segment of our society that wants to improve itself.

Chairman of the Division of Science and Technology Leon S. Bedard and Associate Professor Raymond Coleman will begin a half-year of sabbatical leave this month.

As a member of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges, Professor Bedard became aware of the differences between our community college system and that of our Canadian neighbor. He plans to study the Canadian institutions through research and personal visits.

This Spring Professor Bedard will concentrate his visits to Quebec Province, and he plans to expand his studies to the Western Provinces during the summer months when he will be joined by his wife and children.

Professor Bedard is centering his studies in the following areas of interest: curriculum offerings in science and technology, college administrative structure, innovative teaching techniques and the use of instructional-media, student counseling practices, and the role of faculty responsibility.

Associate Professor Coleman will be continuing his graduate studies at the University of Massachusetts Center for Higher Education. His sabbatical leave will include a study of public and private education in the United States and in particular the community college system.

Professor Coleman is interested in the modular approach to higher education which he feels will be of great help to him in assisting the college in the development of a modular approach when MWCC moves to its new campus in 1974. He also plans to evaluate the college's Mental Health Curriculum during his leave and analyze its course offerings and structure as well as its success in training students as mental health technicians.

Campus Notes

MWCC biologists Ted Filteau and Peter Trinchero are currently hard at work studying non-human primates at Harvard University's New England Regional Primate Research Center. The project is being done as part of the chautauqua-type science workshops which the faculty members have been selected to participate in by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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MWCC's Documentary Film Festival will present two classics produced by woman film maker Leni Riefenstahl on February 22. The films, "Triumph of the Will," and "Olympia-Part II," were made in the Nazi Germany of the thirties and will be screened at 7:00 PM at the Chestnut Street Methodist Church in Gardner. Admission is free and the public is invited.

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Farrell Appointed To Administrative Post

President Arthur F. Haley has recently appointed F. Robert Farrell to the post of Stafff Assistant in Charge of Special Programs. In this capacity Mr. Farrell assists the faculty and administration in the writing of federal grants and serves as the college's community affairs director.

A Brighton native, Mr. Farrell graduated from Boston State College with honors. He captained State's hockey team during his junior and senior year and was named to the Eastern College Athletic Association's All-East Hockey Squad three years in a row.

While working on his master's degree in public administration at Northeastern University, Bob held a teaching internship at the school. Upon graduation from N.U., he attended Harvard Law School.

Before joining the MWCC staff, Bob served as Administrative Assistant to the Director of Planning for the Boston Redevelopment Agency. He now lives in Fitchburg with his wife and eight-month-old daughter.

F. ROBERT FARRELL

1972-73 MWCC HOCKEY TEAM

Members of this year's hockey squad includes Glenn Frenette (kneeling, left), Jim Morris, Don Marsh, John Fitzgerald, Dave Baldarelli, Mark Sigismondo, Mike Sigismondo, John Mollica and Bob Ader; Coach David Halvorsen (standing, left), Bill Graves, Brian Fournier, Wayne Ronn, Don Tucker, Steve Richard, Bernie Cote, Frank Norton, Mike Morely, John McLennan, Mike Fazio and Assistant Coach John Armstrong.

SUMMER SCHOOL CATALOGS AVAILABLE

Dr. Robert P. Kokernak, Director of Summer School, has announced the dates for summer 1973. The program will consist of two separate six-week sessions with SESSION I beginning on Monday, June 4 and ending on Friday, July 13. SESSION II will run From Monday, July 16 through Thursday, August 23. Classes will be held at both the Gardner Campus and the Fort Devens Campus Extension.

"This year," said Dr. Kokernak, "in addition to the traditional academic courses generally offered, there will also be several non-credit community service courses available in such diverse areas as handwriting analysis, small engine repair, and creative photography."

The formal registration period for SESSION I is Tuesday, May 29 through Thursday, May 31. However, students may pre-register between now and the scheduled dates either by appearing in person at the Summer School Office (Elm Street Campus), or by mailing the registration form contained in the 1973 Summer School Catalog. Pre-registration is strongly recommended since many courses have limited enrollments.

Catalogs for the Summer School Program are now available and may be obtained by calling the office of the Director (632-1280 Ext 37) or by mailing the coupon below.

Director of Summer School
Mt. Wachusett Community College
Gardner, Mass. 01440

Dear Sir:

Please send me a copy of the 1973 Summer School Catalog.

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Address _____

City, State _____

Zip Code _____

Twenty-eight students and faculty members accompanied Assistant Professor Dario Valdes on his annual tour of Puerto Rico. Shown here happily escaping the Gardner winter are (front row, right), Mark Fortin, Michele Royer, Donna Graham, Sharon Sturtevant, Joe Halonen, and Linda Leblanc. (Standing, right), Mr. & Mrs. Lyman, Associate Professor O. Vincent Paliotti, and his wife, Barbara Sabourin, Debbie Virta, Peter Murphy, Diane Russell, Elaine Chasen, Brenda Mendozzi, Harry Miller, and Teena Weitze.

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